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For: Compositions and Methods
for Skin Treatment
Examiner: Alysia Berman
Art Unit: 1617
Attorney Docket No.: 4061.007

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmittal Letter

Enclosed please (a) a Response to the Request for Information dated 9/10/2002, including a request for a three month extension of time and copies of various documents referred to in the Response; and (b) a check for \$465 in payment of the extension fees. Should any further extensions or amounts be due, such extensions are requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1604 for any further fees that may be required, and it is requested that any overpayments be credited thereto.

Dated: February 10, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to the Request for Information, Applicant hereby responds as follows:

1. The following is a list of keywords for each of the disclosed components:
 - a) Retinyl Palmitate Polypeptide: Vitamin A polypeptide or Vitazyme® A-Plus.
 - b) Ascorbylmethylsilanol Pectinate: This is also known as Ascorbosilane or Methylsilanol Ascorbate. (This component is a form of Vitamin C but is not the same as the form of Vitamin

C commonly in use known as Ascorbic Acid).

c) Tocopheryl Polypeptide: Vitamin E polypeptide or Vitazyme® E.

d) Cholecalciferol Polypeptide: Vitamin D Polypeptide or Vitazyme® D.

e) Niacinamide Polypeptide: Vitamin B3 polypeptide or Vitazyme® B3.

2. With respect to the second request, it is believed that only publications published prior to the priority date are intended, since only such documents can potentially be available as prior art. In response, Applicant has not authored or co-authored any publications published prior to the priority date of the present application which describe the subject matter of Retinyl Palmitate Polypeptide, Ascorbylmethylsilanol Pectinate, Tocopheryl Polypeptide, Cholecalciferol Polypeptide, or Niacinamide Polypeptide. Various materials have also been distributed by Applicant, e.g., for promotional purposes, and Applicant has been interviewed for articles published in various magazines regarding Applicant's products. However, those materials are not prior art since they were all disclosed to the public after the priority date of the present application.
3. Documents relating to various of the individual components of the present invention are enclosed. These include:
 - a) A Technical Data sheet from Brooks Industries Inc. ("Brooks"), the manufacturer of the polypeptide components and entitled "VITAZYME™ A Brooks Retinyl Palmitate Polypeptide" regarding Brooks' Vitazyme® A product.
 - b) A document from Brooks entitled "A Water Stable Form of Retinyl Palmitate (Vitamin A)

for Cosmetics Which Is Made by Reacting Retinyl Palmitate with Natural Plant Proteins”.

c) Catalog materials from Brooks entitled “VITAZYMES® Protein Bonded Vitamins”.

d) With respect to Ascorbylmethylsilanol Pectinate, a document discussing research on that substance and entitled “Concentrated Ascorbosilane and Melanogenesis Inhibition”.

These documents were obtained from chemical manufacturers and distributors, and are all believed to have been available prior to the filing date of the priority application. Applicant is not currently aware of the journal citations for these materials, if any.

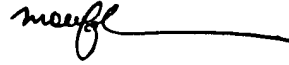
It should also be noted that these documents merely discuss certain individual components utilized in the present invention only. Applicant is not aware of any publications prior to the priority date disclosing any of the particular compositions for skin treatment claimed in the present application. Those compositions have been specifically developed and tested by Applicant via numerous years of direct experimentation, and are not believed to be disclosed in any prior art.

4. Prior to filing of the priority application, Applicant did an Internet-based search of the art, but was unable to find any prior art to the claimed inventions.
5. Applicant's current products incorporating claimed subject matter are known under the following trademarks: SOMME® TRANSPORT; SOMME® SERUM; SOMME® A-BOMB; SOMME® DOUBLE DEFENSE, SOMME® NOURISHING CLEANSER; and

SOMME® SNAP. In addition, a product is planned for future release which will be known as the SOMME® VITAMIN INFUSION.

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